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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Wendy Brown, Policy Analyst
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SUBJECT: 12 VAC 35-210
Proposed Regulations to Govern Temporary Leave from State Mental Health and State Mental Retardation Facilities

DATE: August 15, 2006

In accordance with Virginia Administrative Process Act, the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board is requesting public comments on the above-referenced proposed regulations. These new regulations have been developed to comply with § 37.2-837 B of the Code of Virginia (formerly § 37.1-98 B) which allows a director of a state hospital or training center to grant a trial or home visits to consumers in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

The proposed regulations will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on August 21, 2006. The regulations will also be available on the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services website at www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov and the Virginia Regulatory Townhall at www.townhall.state.va.us. Written comments will be accepted through October 23, 2006. Please include your name and address with all comments and submit them to:

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Thank you for your participation in this regulatory process.

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